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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

Please amend claims 3-6 as follows (**a marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto this Amendment**):

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3. (Amended) A wet multiplate clutch according to claim 7, wherein between each two mutually-adjacent ones of said plural groove-free separator plates disposed between each two friction plates arranged adjacent to each other, a thin member is interposed.

4. (Amended) A wet multiplate clutch according to claim 7, wherein each two mutually-adjacent ones of said plural groove-free separator plates